

Remarks

Claims 10 – 15 rejected by the Examiner have been canceled.

Claims 16 and 18 which were indicated to be allowable have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, it is believed that they along with claim 19, dependent upon claim 18, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Waterbury (2002/0182403, now U.S. Patent No. 6,828,018) and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Colon et al. (U.S. 4,331,576) in view of Dudzik et al. (U.S. 4,444,839). It is respectfully submitted that claim 17 clearly distinguishes over such references whether taken alone or in combination with one another. Claim 17 clearly states that "... said first release coating permitting unrolling of said roll without said first layer, second side being pulled away from said second layer inner side." It should be noted that claim 17 sets forth the feature of the second layer being non-soluble in water. The release coating is positioned between the outer side of the second layer which is non-soluble in water and the first layer of adhesive which is dispersible in water. It clearly sets forth the additional limitation that such release coating permits the unrolling of the roll without the second side of the adhesive layer being pulled away from the inner side of the second layer which is non-soluble in water. This is

obviously very important as a sound bond between the adhesive layer and the second layer of the inner side is important to be certain of the label adequately sticking to the surface. This feature coupled with the feature of the second layer being formed of non-soluble in water material is not shown in the prior art and is believed to be unobvious over such prior art.

Newly presented claims 20 – 23 are also believed to be clearly allowable over the prior art.

The allowance of claims 1 – 9 is noted with appreciation.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that claims 16 – 23 be allowed along with previously allowed claims 1 -9.

Respectfully submitted,

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